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Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Under the provisions of the Statute of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the Board of Trustees of the Institute is composed of 11 members nominated by States and appointed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Members of the Board serve in their individual capacities for a term of three years from the date of appointment. They are eligible for reappointment by the Council for one further term. The current membership of the Board is given in the annex below.

2. On 18 March 2003, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to all Member States informing them that the Council, at its resumed organizational session for 2003, would be called upon to appoint five members to serve on the Board of Trustees, when the term of office of five members had expired on 30 June 2003.

3. The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 57/175 of 18 December 2002, in which the Assembly endorsed the recommendation[1] contained in the report of the Working Group on the future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.[2] The Working Group had recommended, inter alia, that the present Board of Trustees be abolished and consideration be given to replacing the Board with an advisory board composed of Member States. Pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution, the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-seventh session, having reviewed the preliminary report of the Working Group on the future operation of the

[1] A/57/330, para. 57.
[2] A/57/330 and Add.1.

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Institute,[3] recommended to the Council that it consider the report of the Working Group under the appropriate agenda item at its substantive session of 2003.[4]

4. In light of the preceding information, the Council may wish to extend the mandate of the existing members of the Board of Trustees of the Institute and to postpone the election of five members to the Board until the Council has taken action on the recommendations of the Working Group.

[3] A/AC.266/1.

[4] See E/CN.6/2003/L.7.

Annex

Current membership of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

(11 members; three-year term)

	Term
Ms. Lulwa Al-Misned (Qatar)	2002-2005
Ms. Boutheina Gribaa (Tunisia)	2000-2003
Prof. Tahmina Hussain (Bangladesh)	2000-2003
Ms. Juka Fatou Jabang (Gambia)	2001-2004
Ms. Antigoni Karali-Dimitriadi (Greece)	2000-2003
Ms. Norica Nicolai (Romania)	1997-2003
Ms. Pauline Sukhai (Guyana)	2000-2003
Ms. Ergül Tunçbilek (Turkey)	2002-2005
Ms. Cecilia Valcárcel Alcázar (Spain)	1998-2004
Ms. Gloria Valerín Rodriguez (Costa Rica)	2001-2004